Art Show
The College’s second Community Art Show was held on April 4. The event was a big success with 171 entries for the exhibit in the adult and high school categories. Over 270 people attended the event and slightly over 1,400 votes were cast for the various art pieces in competition. The show ran from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Best of Show for the High School Category was awarded to Logan Tharp for his pencil drawing of Clint Eastwood. Mr. Tharp is a student at Enfield-Omaha-Norris City High School. The overall Best of Show was awarded to Kendall Pottorff for his painting entitled “Old Mill.” The invitation, pictured below, was designed by students in the Graphic Arts & Design certificate program.
Mascot Design
The recently Board approved Bobcat mascot design, pictured below, was created by Rod Greenwood of Flora. Mr. Greenwood is a freelance graphic designer who has a 20 year history of developing professional graphic artwork for a wide variety of companies including Target, Fruit of the Loom, Rawlings, Michel's, Sears Craftsman, and Mid America Corvette. His designs include visual concepts, apparel, products, magazine covers, billboards, and logos.

Pictured: Board Approved Bobcat Logo

Mr. Greenwood is a 1988 Architecture Drafting graduate of Lincoln Trail College. Afterwards, Mr. Greenwood attended the Art Institute in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and graduated in 1995 with a bachelor’s degree in Visual Communication. Prior to becoming a freelance designer, Greenwood worked as a graphic artist for Wal-Mart Corporation, Murray, and Brunswick/Roadmaster.

The design competition was open to the community in January, and the College received over 345 bobcat logo design concepts from 70 artists. The committee, made up of FCC staff members, unanimously chose Mr. Greenwood’s design. In addition to the approved mascot logo, Mr. Greenwood provided the College with several renderings of the Bobcat mascot. The College is planning to sell various sundry items and apparel with two of the renderings, pictured below.

Pictured: Bobcat Jersey Style Rendering  Pictured: Bobcat Front View Rendering

Career Technical Education Program Showcase
The College’s first Career & Technical Education showcase, held on March 14 at the Workforce Development Center, was an extraordinary success. A total of 96 high school juniors and seniors from Cisne, Edwards County, Fairfield, Flora, and Grayville, attended the event. The purpose of the event was to provide an opportunity for high school students to learn more about the College’s various CTE degrees and certificates.

Specific activities included program presentations, hands-on demonstrations, and a ‘meet and greet’ with the College’s CTE faculty. In addition, staff from Students Services provided information on admissions, registration, financial aid, and hosted campus tours. Breakfast and lunch was provided. The following programs were highlighted: Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Electrical Distribution Systems, Executive Office Professional, Fire Science, Graphic Arts & Design, Health Informatics, Information Systems Support, Nursing, Paramedicine, and Phlebotomy. Jan Wiles, Assistant Dean of Student Services, planned the event.
Job Fair
The College’s first Job Fair was an extraordinary success. Over 150 students, 125 community residents, and 50 employers participated in the April 8 event. As one of the critical elements of the District’s Student Enrollment and Completion Plan aimed at enhancing career placement services throughout the District, the Job Fair was one of the first initiatives undertaken by the College.

The event was designed to give students, alumni, and the general public an opportunity to meet face-to-face with area employers and learn about potential job openings. Students and community residents were given the opportunity to complete employment applications and in some cases, were interviewed on site. Employers attending the event indicated that they were trying to fill over 200 open positions throughout the District. The event, which was initiated by Alyssa Parrot (the College’s Career Placement Coordinator) prior to her maternity leave, was coordinated by Mark Elliott the College’s Coordinator of Instructional Services.

CHYME
Many of the College’s employees are actively participating in a wellness program, entitled CHYME (Changing into a Healthier You through Motivation and Encouragement). As part of the program’s activities, and in an effort to improve morale, the College encourages employees to attend a healthy lunch each month, which is provided by one of the program participants and is held at various locations throughout the campus.

Program goals include taking 10,000 steps, drinking 64 ounces of water, and eating 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day. At the end of each month during the healthy lunch program, participants add up their points for their steps, water intake, and fruits and vegetables servings. To make up the event more fun, the College has divided into two teams. The “Golden and Glowing” team (50 and over) is challenging the “Apprentices” (under 50).

The guest speaker at the April CHYME lunch was Bryce Kovacich, who is the Coordinator for the Wayne County Wellness Program at the Wayne County Health Department. He emphasized the importance of stepping away from the desk a couple times a day to get some fresh air, chair exercises, and provided information on the Wayne County Wellness Challenge. The program is designed and operated by Linda Monge, the College’s Interim Dean of Instruction.

Phlebotomy
Students enrolled in the College’s Phlebotomy program attended the Wayne-White Electrical Cooperative annual dinner on Friday, April 4, and provided free blood sugar tests to attendees.

Wayne County Scholastic Bowl
The College hosted the 26th annual Wayne County Scholastic Bowl for area middle schools on Friday, March 22, in Classroom Building West. Participating schools included: Center Street, Cisne, Geff, New Hope, Jasper, and Wayne City. The tournament was a double elimination tournament. Family and friends attended matches throughout the day.

Center Street finished first in the tournament; Cisne received second place; and New Hope received third place. Fairfield’s local radio station, WFIW, provided a live broadcast of the finals matches. Center Street had two dominating wins over Cisne and New Hope school during the evening matches. The event was organized by Kara Rogers, one of the College’s Advisors, and supported by numerous Student Services staff members and students. The event was sponsored by the Regional Office of Education.
**Student-Administration Roundtable/Luncheon**

In an effort to foster greater communication, understanding, and strengthen the relationship between the College’s administration and the student body, each semester the College hosts a Student-Administrative roundtable. The spring 2014 semester roundtable was held on March 19. Fifteen (15) students representing each of the College’s 12 student organizations attended the meeting. Nineteen of the College’s administration also attended the luncheon. The College provided pizza, cookies, and drinks for all participants.

Topics of the luncheon meeting included: results from fall 2013 luncheon; student club status update; Workforce Development Center (WDC) parking lot update; student activity center request update; a brief overview of the *First Year Experience* study conducted by Phi Theta Kappa; and general student concerns.

In reference to the WDC parking lot, the students were informed that the College intends to put a handicap ramp leading into the building and potentially install parking lot lights, within the next year. Relative to the student activity center, the students were informed that the college is considering options outlined in last year’s Phi Theta Kappa report and additional locations are also being considered. Finally, in reference to general student concerns and how the College could improve services, the students would like a wider variety of vending options. The College is working to implement this request.

**Wildlife Photographer Tom Ulrich**

Tom Ulrich, world renowned wildlife photographer, presented a show featuring digital photographs taken from his 2013 travels to Florida, South Texas, Montana, and the Eastern Mediterranean at the First Christian Church in Fairfield on March 20 and 21. Approximately 400 people attended the event. Ulrich presented a scaled down version of his show to various community organizations (i.e. Rotary, Lion’s Club, and Kiwanis) as well.

**Student Activities & Student Club News**

*College Bowl* – The team hosted two fundraisers during the month of April. The first fundraiser was a raffle for an eight-person dinner at DiMaggio’s, which raised nearly $1,000 of the Team. DiMaggio’s donated the dinner. The second fundraiser was a jazz fusion combo concert, which featured the Cool Cats of McKendree University. Attendees to the concert were asked to give a $10 donation to the club. The concert was held on April 5 in the Workforce Development Center. Approximately 100 guests from the community attended the event.

*Phi Theta Kappa* – The annual induction was held on Sunday, March 30. Twenty-one students attended the ceremony. There were 127 family members in attendance.

Emily McKibben and Sarah Vaughn (pictured next page) attended a ceremony in Springfield on April 1 honoring Phi Theta Kappa students selected for the Coca-Cola Community College All-Illinois Academic Team. Ms. McKibben and Ms. Vaughn were nominated for their outstanding leadership, community involvement, and scholarship. Ms. McKibben was also selected as a Silver Scholar, 1 of 50 in the United States, and will receive a $1250 scholarship. Ms. McKibben plans to transfer to MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois, to pursue a degree in deaf education. Ms. Vaughn plans to transfer to New Tribes Bible Institute in Waukesha, WI.

Currently, 10 club members plan to attend the 96th Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Orlando, Florida on April 24-26. The Chapter has been nominated for five different awards.

*Student Senate* – The Senate hosted a bonfire on campus in March. Students brought their guitars and enjoyed music under the stars. Another bonfire is being discussed for May 9, following the graduation ceremony. The group is also planning the annual Breakfast with the Bunny Saturday, April 12, on campus for children in the community ages 3-6.
Adult & Continuing Education News

Adult Education – Nine Adult Education staff and faculty completed the State mandated Evidenced Based Reading Instruction (EBRI) training seminar in Springfield. Illinois Community College Board employees provided the training, which is required for students who place between the 4th and 8th grade reading levels. The training helps staff and faculty to more accurately diagnose areas where students have deficiencies and develop targeted improvement plans which enable students to more quickly improve their reading levels. EBRI training is designed to be conducted in three parts over a period of one year. Dr. Jervaise McDaniel, Associate Dean of Adult & Community Education states, “This program will be a huge benefit to students who are pursuing their GED.”

Continuing Education – The College’s Senior Citizen’s Day event was a success with nearly 120 seniors and over 30 vendors participating in the event. Many door prizes were given away including a water color painting by Spencer Meagher. Program evaluations were excellent and everyone participating commented about their appreciation of the event. Jeff Fleming, a humorist, was the keynote speaker.

Literacy – Three new ESL courses designed for people whose native language is Spanish are being offered at the Red Brush Church in Louisville. One class is aimed at the beginning ESL level; another class is aimed at promoting general ESL conversation; and the final class targets individuals who are at ESL level-three. Four new volunteer tutors have been obtained to assist with these courses. The number of Spanish speaking students in our service area appears to be growing at rapid rate and as such, we expect significant interest in these courses.

Learning Resource Center News

The March Writing Workshops on “Paraphrasing, Summarizing, Quoting and Avoiding Plagiarism” served 7 students. Several additional workshops are being planned for April and May.

The LRC is planning to have a booth at the College’s Job Fair. The purpose of the booth is to educate students and community residents about the job search tools available to them in the LRC.

Scott Talbert, Textbook Technician, is currently meeting with several companies in order to provide retail merchandise to students. Mr. Talbert attended the CAMEX Trade Shoe in Dallas TX in March and came back with a network of contacts for this purpose.
Upcoming Events

Students Awards Night (April) – The second annual Students Awards Night is set for Friday, April 11. Scholarships, club awards, and program awards will be presented. Honor students from the 2013 summer and fall semester will also be recognized.

Frontier Appreciation Day (April) – April 15 has been set for the next College Appreciation Day. Activity planning is underway. This is a great day for fellowship and camaraderie. Generally, students and staff are encouraged to form teams for competition. Staff will serve lunch for day classes and dinner for evening classes. Student comments on past events have been extremely positive.

Family Literacy Fest (May) – The 22nd annual Family Literacy Fest will be held May 3 at the College. This year’s theme is “Reading is Awarding” based on the Caldecott award winning children’s books. The event is open to all local families and there is no charge for participation. As part of the event, local community organizations intend to offer fun activities and prizes for children. The Krazy Klowns, an outdoor train ride, a petting zoo, and a magic show by Chris Egleston will also be part of the planned festivities. Approximately 450 people attended last year’s Fest. Stacey Legg, Coordinator of Human Services in the College’s Adult & Continuing Education Department, coordinates this event.

Graduation Ceremony (May) – Frontier’s thirty-sixth annual commencement is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2014, at the Fairfield Community High School gymnasium.

Student Leadership Training (Summer 2014) – Linda Monge, Interim Dean of Instruction, is planning a 2-day Leadership Training for FCC student ambassadors and leaders of various campus clubs/organizations. Plans are to have students involved in leadership at the university level provide the training while they are home on summer break.